

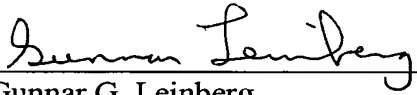
REMARKS

The specification has been amended as set forth above to add a claim for priority, headings, and to move the brief description of the drawings before the detailed description in the above-identified patent application. Applicants have also amended claims 1-3, 7, 10, 15, 16, and 21 and added new claim 24 as set forth above. No new matter has been entered by way of these amendments. Applicants hereby request entry into the National stage and examination of the above-identified application.

In view of all of the foregoing, and considering the positive treatment in the International Preliminary Examination Report, Applicants submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the above-identified application, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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